

Inspector to have branding irons, &c.

IV. Each Inspector appointed under the authority of this Act, shall provide himself with sufficient branding irons, for the purpose of branding such casks and boxes as may by him be inspected in pursuance of this Act.

What fish only shall be branded as merchantable.

V. It shall be the duty of each such Inspector to see that all Salmon, Mackerel, Shad, Herring, and all kinds of split, whole, dried, pickled or salted fish, of any kind, intended for barrelling and submitted to him for inspection, have been well struck with salt or pickle, in the first instance, and preserved sweet, free from taint, rust, oil and damage of every kind; and no other fish shall be branded by him as inspected and merchantable.

How certain kinds of fish must be packed.

VI. No fish of the description hereinabove mentioned, intended for exportation, shall be branded as inspected and merchantable, unless it be well and properly packed in good, tight and substantial tierces, half tierces, barrels or half barrels; nor shall any pickled or salted Salmon be so branded, except in tierces containing three hundred pounds, exclusive of salt and pickle, or in half tierces containing one hundred and fifty pounds, exclusive of salt and pickle, or in barrels containing two hundred pounds, exclusive of salt and pickle, or in half barrels containing one hundred pounds, exclusive of salt and pickle, avoirdupoise weight, nor shall any other pickled or salted fish be so branded, if packed in barrels containing less than twenty-eight gallons or in half barrels less than fourteen gallons wine measure.

Casks containing small fish packed whole.

VII. Nothing contained in the foregoing sections shall prevent the branding of casks containing any small fish usually packed whole, provided the same shall have been fully packed, closed, edgewise, and properly salted with good coarse wholesome dry salt, in quantity sufficient only for their due preservation.

How herrings must be packed.

VIII. No red and smoked herrings shall be so branded, unless they be well and sufficiently cured and saved, and carefully and properly packed in good and substantial barrels, half barrels, kegs or boxes, and each box of herrings shall weigh at least twenty-five pounds.

What fish shall be branded as merchantable No. 1;

IX. It shall be the duty of each Inspector, when called upon to inspect any fish of the description above mentioned, carefully and attentively to examine each and every cask or box submitted to him for inspection; and if such fish be of a good quality, in wholesome pickle and clean salt, and in every way in good order, free from taint, rust, oil and damage, well and properly packed in good, tight and substantial tierces, half tierces, barrels or half barrels, kegs or boxes as hereinabove provided, the Inspector shall brand on the heads or butts of each cask or box so by him inspected, in large and legible letters, the words *Salmon*, *Mackerel* or *Herrings*, (as the case may be,) *Quebec* or *Montreal*, (or as the case may be,) *Inspected Merchantable, No. 1*; and such as shall be found of an inferior or second

And what as merchantable No. 2;